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## WHO WILL SET THE LIMIT?

Somewhat Uncle Sam's experts are fearful about the future of New Mexico. A statement by the director of the geological survey given wide circulation says that there are only five feasible reservoir projects in New Mexico, that of the Elephant Butte, the Rio Hondo, the Upton Lake, the Rio Animas and that of the Gila. And that the best that can be done for this territory is a reclamation of 750,000 acres of land, and ergo, New Mexico cannot hope to support a greater population than 1,000,000 people. Suppose these statements were true, the absurdity of leaving mining and manufacturing, railroading and climatic advantages out of the calculation when speaking of the future development and growth of the territory is apparent. But there are more than five feasible reservoir projects in New Mexico and there is a possibility, yes, a probability, of the reclamation of more than 750,000 acres in the territory. Sometime ago the New Mexican showed how with small reservoirs and pumping plants 250,000 acres can be reclaimed at a moderate cost in Santa Fe county alone and Santa Fe county comprises less than one-fiftieth of the area of the territory. There are quite a number of streams of New Mexico today, of which not one half of the ordinary flow is utilized for irrigation and there are several million acres that can be reclaimed with pumping plants. Then there are sections in Roosevelt County on Johnson's Mesa, on the Barajas Mesa, in the Sacramento and White Mountains and elsewhere that need no irrigation at all, where the rainfall is sufficient for the cultivation of thousands of acres. The Department of Agriculture is making experiments which promise much that will lead to the raising of crops on land now considered arid and unfit for cultivation. When it comes to speaking of present conditions, it will do to set limitations, but as to future possibilities even the Geological Survey is upon uncertain ground; for there is no limit in sight to the possible future development of the southwest. Because five reservoir projects have after investigation proven to be feasible is not proof at all that there are not other feasible reservoir projects and that agriculture must in the future be confined to those valleys or mesas reached by the ditches from those five reservoirs. The Geological Survey should not play the ostrich.—New Mexican.

## Southwest Development.

The conditions in the great Southwest were never brighter than at present. Every year a new record is being made, and the farming land is increasing in value. Endowed as the Southwest is with nature's gifts, natural richness of soil, variety of products, beauty of climate and facilities for the accumulation of wealth by simple and natural means, it can safely challenge the world to produce a comparison, much less a peer. The old fallacy of the southwest being the domain of the cowpuncher and the Indian is now confined to the humorous paper. It is the home now of the sturdy industrious farmer-pioneer, who has kept pace with the building of the new railroads, seeking new lands and better opportunities than are offered in the older states. Here his brawn and brain are the factors which count most and he has not been slow to grasp the opportunity

## Opportunity.

is not considered to knock at a man's door but once in a lifetime, and we want every person that reads this article to know that opportunity is calling his attention to this part of the world, where there is homes for thousands and to know that this is a new country that there is hundreds of acres open for capital, that this country stands with beckoning hand to the man or woman with push, energy and a little capital. We do not wish to convey the idea that you can come here and find a pension awaiting you sufficient to keep you, but we do say that a man can build him up a home here cheaper than he can any other place, all things considered. Here we have coal and wood for fuel and fencing; mineral of different kinds in our country, and as for coal we have every evidence of that being right at our door, only waiting to be developed. We have plenty of water, good brick clay, good pottery clay, and plenty of building stone, good railway facilities and more coming. Good schools, good churches and a good class of citizens. These things are always considered by people who entertain plans of settling or investing in a new country, without these things now here, are we wrong in thinking that this section of country is one full of bright opportunities.

Mr. Milton Sater who is one of the directors of the Sater Copper Mining Co. is registered at the Elks Hotel and kindly furnished us this information as regards the workings of their Co.

The Sater Copper Co. has been actively prosecuting development work on its claims on the Cimarron river the last 10 months. The claims consist of 700 acres lying in two groups, on the eastern group, which is the largest, it has a tunnel with cross cuts 500 feet and many openings appear at other points. They are showing good values in copper and silver. On the western group the main plant is located and development work has been done. A shaft of over 200 feet has been sunk on the Eclipse claim which encountered pry ore almost from the surface. Work has been temporarily suspended for the purpose of procuring better facilities for a more vigorous prosecution of the work. A large pump and hoisting plant will be installed in a short time, the shaft sunk to 500 feet in depth and a larger number of miners employed. The Company is building houses for the accommodation of the miners. It has built a wagon road up the south side of the Mesa and as far south as the Carrizozo at which point work is now going on and in a short time the road will be open to Clayton, and which will be of great benefit to the public as well as to the Co. It has one traction engine in service and a larger one will be purchased. When the weather becomes settled the operations of the Co. will be begun in full force. It expects to have a mill in operation before the close of the year.

It is a conceded fact that Clayton is the liveliest town between Trinidad Col., and Amarillo Tex. While we have had the coldest winter in years, yet you could see carpenters busy all the time, well dressed out on the plains busy driving wells, freighters making their regular trips from the place to outside points, in fact every body seems to be busy. Is it any wonder we are proud to call Clayton home?

## Court Convenes Monday.

The grand jury for next week is composed of the following named citizens:

Jas. R. Arguello, Juan J. Chavez, Matias D. Chasola, Leonardo Ro. ro, Juan de Jesus Chavez, Filiberto Gallegos, North Blanks, Joe DeCherry, W. P. Plunkett, Roy Cahoon, Samuel Raines, A. McKenzie, Lee Wiley, Jose Apolaca, Fulencio, C. de Bona, Louis Sanchez, Candelario Vigil.

Cov. Otero has appointed, and the council confirmed, the following Territorial officers:

G. W. Priehard, solicitor general, W. G. Sargent, territorial auditor, J. A. Vaughn, territorial treasurer, H. O. Burann, superintendent of the territorial penitentiary.

Hiram Hadley, superintendent of public instruction

A. A. Keen, commissioner of public land.

Charles V. Safford, traveling auditor and bank examiner.

## 250 Head of Steers For Sale.

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No. 2 520 acres ideal land, and school section leased, all under one fence, 51 on rock house permanent water, 700 head of well grade cattle, 5 head of good horses all for \$15,000.00.

No. 3 190 acres fenced, house and running water, good farming land Price \$800.00.

No. 4 455 acres, 1 school section leased all under fence good house and water windmill, 60 head of cattle, 2 mares, fine farming land, price \$3500.00.

No. 5 40 acres good farming land all under ditch, good house and fence price \$350.00

No. 6 690 acres, 1 school land 40 acres in alfalfa yielding 5 tons per acre, good house and corrals, 401 head of extra good cattle price \$12,000.

No. 7 640 acres deeded land, can cut

300 tons of alfalfa per year, good stone house of 3 rooms, stone wagon shed, 3 good corrals, ditch on place, all fenced with 3 wires, good well, plenty of water. Price, \$1,500 per acre.

## Dr. C. B. Ackley

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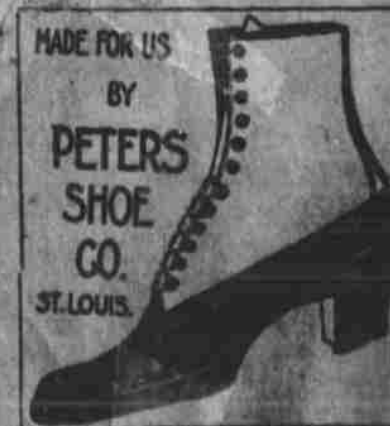
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